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Turkish and Finnish races. Zoologically, the Yenesei is important as being the line of demarcation between the faunas of eastern and western Siberia. And if the expedition is able to reach Alashan and neighboring regions, there will be valuable geographical work to be done and problems regarding the desiccation of central Asia to be solved.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of Isaac C. Wyman, of Salem, Mass., a graduate of Princeton College, who died on May 18, most of his estate is bequeathed to Princeton University, to be used in whole or in part for a graduate school. Mr. John M. Raymond, of Salem, Mass., and Professor Andrew F. West, dean of the Graduate School were named as trustees. The daily papers estimate the value of the bequest to be from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

THE Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, has received a gift of \$60,000 from Mrs. Maria Gross Horwitz, daughter of the late Professor Samuel D. Gross, the eminent surgeon, to endow the "Samuel D. Gross Chair of Surgery."

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR J. G. JACK will conduct a Field Class at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, on Saturdays during the spring and early summer, to assist those who wish to gain a more intimate knowledge of the native and foreign trees and shrubs which grow in New England.

DR. E. J. WILCZYNSKI, associate professor of mathematics in the University of Illinois, has accepted a similar position in the University of Chicago.

DR. J. W. YOUNG, assistant professor of mathematics in the University of Illinois, has been appointed head of the department of mathematics in the University of Kansas.

MR. EDWARD M. WELLISCH, of Cambridge University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics in Yale University.

THE following appointments have been made at the School of Mines of the University of Pittsburgh:

A. E. Ortmann, Ph.D., professor of physical geography.

P. E. Raymond, Ph.D., professor of invertebrate paleontology.

S. L. Goodale, A.M., E.M., assistant professor of metallurgy.

L. K. Acker, Jr., E.M., instructor in mineralogy and geology.

G. T. Haldeman, E.M., instructor in mining.

Earl Douglass, A.M., M.S., instructor in vertebrate paleontology.

H. B. Meller, instructor in mining.

Dr. A. B. Wallgren, lecturer on first aid to the injured.

Alexander Silverman, lecturer on glass manufacture.

W. F. Fischer, E.M., assistant in petrography.

N. L. Estabrook, assistant in mineralogy.

J. B. Keller, assistant in assaying.

The year has been extended to four terms of 12, 12, 11 and 10 weeks each, so that a student can complete his course by working any three of the terms each year. He may also complete his work and graduate in three years if he takes four terms a year. A student, as heretofore, in this school can substitute a year of practical work done under the school's direction for one year of the usual class and laboratory work, and in this way graduate in three years. Some thirty-five thousand dollars worth of material has been added to the equipment during the past year.

MR. C. L. BOULENGER, of King's College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the lectureship in zoology at Birmingham University rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Leonard Doncaster.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### WEISMANNISM, A CRITICISM OF DIE SELEKTIONSTHEORIE<sup>1</sup>

A NEW publication from the pen of August Weismann naturally must excite curiosity among biologists, not so much with regard to possible new ideas and theories, but rather with reference to the question how far the author has corrected and modified his old views in order to do justice to the numerous

<sup>1</sup>"Die Selektionstheorie." Eine Untersuchung von August Weismann. Jena, 1909. 70 pages, 1 plate and 3 text figures.